AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of managing the loading ~~by patrons~~ of patrons onto multiple attractions in an entertainment environment wherein different patrons are permitted access to ~~the~~ an attraction on at least two bases, firstly, a first-in first-out basis, and secondly, on a priority basis established by a prior allocation of a space to the attraction comprising:

      a.   ~~permitting a patron of an attraction to use a cellular telephone in connection with access to a first attraction;~~

      a[[b]]. permitting a patron to enter ~~application through an entry of~~ a request on ~~the~~ a cellular telephone for an allocation of a space on the ~~first~~ attraction including the steps of:

          i.   receiving an input from a patron at a remote location, the input, selectively being a keying input, being communicated to a central computer for regulating the load of the first attraction;

          ii.   permitting the patron to remotely receive a response ~~the receiving of a response by the patron remotely~~ about available return times for the ~~first~~ attraction; and

          iii.   permitting the patron to effect a selection of one of the available return times; and

      b[[c]]. ~~employing~~ an input, selectively a keying, operation through the cellular telephone to provide the patron access to the ~~first~~ attraction in accordance with the selection made by the patron.

Claim 2 (original): A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the input from the remote location is received from a telephone keypad, selectively a cellular phone keypad.

Claim 3 (original): A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein the input is effected for multiple attractions in the environment, and wherein a keypad of the cellular telephone is used for access to the multiple attractions.

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Claim 4 (currently amended): A method of managing the loading ~~by patrons~~ of patrons onto multiple attractions in an entertainment environment, different patrons being permitted access to ~~the~~ an attraction on at least bases, firstly, a first in and first out basis, and secondly, on a priority basis established by a prior allocation of a space to the attraction comprising:

    ~~a.   permitting a patron of an attraction to use a cellular telephone in connection with access to a first attraction;~~

    a[[b]]. permitting a patron to enter ~~application through an entry of a~~ request on ~~the~~ a cellular telephone for an allocation of a space on the ~~first~~ attraction including the steps of:

        i.   receiving an input from a remote location, the input, selectively being a keypad input, being communicated to a central computer for regulating the load of the first attraction;

        ii.   permitting the patron to remotely receive a response ~~the receiving of a response by the patron remotely~~ about available return times for the ~~first~~ attraction; and

        iii.   permitting the patron to effect a choice of a selected available return time; and

    b[[c]]. ~~employing~~ a signal from the cellular telephone to provide the patron access to the ~~first~~ attraction in accordance with the selection made by the patron.

Claim 5 (original): A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the input from the remote location is received from a telephone keypad, selectively a cellular telephone keypad.

Claim 6 (original): A method as claimed in claim 4 or claim 5 wherein the input is effected for multiple attractions in the environment, and wherein a keypad of a cellular telephone is used for access to the multiple attractions.

Claim 7 (original): A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the priority is redeemed through a selected essentially automatic procedure, such procedure being the reading of one of a RF identification, reading of a magnetic code or barcode allocated to the patron.

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Claim 8 (original): A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the priority is redeemed at a time of entry into the environment or the attraction in the environment.

Claim 9 (original): A method as claimed in claim 1 including a computing process to determine the mix ratio of numbers of accesses granted to the priority access and non-priority access, and feeding back redemptions of the priority accesses such that near real time updates of availability for further granting of accesses may be computed.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~including the ability to permit at least one of the exchange or return of previously assigned priority access, and whereby such exchange permits for updating the computation of a load of the attraction~~ further comprising the steps of permitting at least one exchange or return of the return time to the patron having the return time, and computing the number of patrons allowed to enter the attraction based on the at least one exchange or return of the return time.

Claim 11 (original): A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a nonuse of a priority assignment is factored into a computation of loading.

Claim 12 (original): A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the priority is redeemed through a selected essentially automatic procedure, such procedure being the reading of one of a RF identification, reading of a magnetic code or barcode allocated to the patron.

Claim 13 (original): A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the priority is redeemed at a time of entry into the environment or the attraction in the environment.

Claim 14 (original): A method as claimed in claim 4 including a computing process to determine the mix ratio of numbers of accesses granted to the priority access and non-priority access, and feeding back redemptions of the priority accesses such that near real time updates of availability for further granting of accesses may be computed.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 4 ~~including the ability to permit at least one of the exchange or return of previously assigned priority access, and whereby such~~

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~~exchange permits for updating the computation of a load of the attraction~~ further comprising the steps of permitting at least one exchange or return of the return time to the patron having the return time, and computing the number of patrons allowed to enter the attraction based on the at least one exchange or return of the return time.

Claim 16 (original): A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein a nonuse of a priority assignment is factored into a computation of loading.

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (new): A system of managing the loading of patrons onto multiple attractions in an entertainment environment wherein different patrons are permitted access to an attraction on at least two bases, firstly, a first-in first-out basis, and secondly, on a priority basis established by a prior allocation of a space to the attraction comprising:

    a.   access means for permitting a patron of an attraction to use a cellular telephone in connection with access to a first attraction;

    b.   a keypad for entry of a request on the cellular telephone for an allocation of a space on the first attraction, the keypad permitting the patron to effect a selection of an available return time;

    c.   a receiver that receives input from the patron at a remote location, the receiver comprising a connection for to a central computer that regulates the load of the first attraction;

    d.   a second receiver operably connected with the cellular phone for receiving a response about available return times for the attraction; and

    e.   a signal transmitter responsive selectively to a keying operation through the cellular telephone to provide the patron access to the attraction in accordance with the selection made by the patron.

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